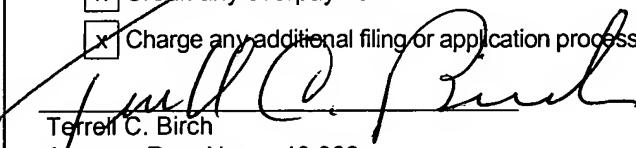




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Applicant(s): Ryoichi KAWAI et al.					
Invention: PAPER FEEDING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS INCLUDING THAT SAME					
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 27, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

- Amended Claim Set; and
- Remarks.